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I would like to have the DOJ accept the settlement with Microsoft and put this whole thing to rest.

In the first place, I think it is wrong to prosecute MS as a monopoly. I am old enough to know that the original reason for creating laws to protect the public against monopolies was because of the harm they could do to the public. I truly believe that MS has done more for the public than any other company in the US. They have kept the price of software down to where it is affordable by millions of people instead of just the wealthy. An examination of the primary complainers against MS, namely Sun, AOL/Time Warner, and Apple are all who stand to gain a great deal if the government continues to attack MS. Take a look at Sun and see if they would sell their operating system for \$100. and the same goes for Apple. The reason they don't compete well with MS is that they want to ROB the masses with much higher prices for their product.

I find it ridiculous to think that MS has no competition. Unix has been around a very long time as well as Sun and they are competitors. Now there is Red Hat or Linux and AOL/Time Warner is attempting to buy them so they can compete with Windows as an operating system. They paid several Billion dollars for Netscape so I don't think they truly believe they are unable to compete against MS. I put my money where it will do me the most good and that is with Windows by MS. If these others would come up with a good product and keep the price competitive with Windows and other programs by MS, I would certainly consider purchasing from them, but I won't hold my breath as I don't think they are capable of doing anything but bitching about how they are being treated so poorly now.

This whole case has done nothing good for anyone except the Lawyers who live for these cases to come along and the Justice Department is wasting the taxpayers money to continue the case. Penfield Jackson should be disbarred for his so obvious prejudice in his mishandling of the case to start with. Why should he be trusted with any other cases?

I could go on at great length, but suffice it to say that I think this should be ended now and let the courts get on with some real business instead of being used by the complainants. As far as the states who don't want to settle, all they want is a free ride and a bucket full of money.

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